MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade II*): Sir, now that the second reading of the Bill is over, I request the permission of the Chair to allow me to move the third reading of the Bill.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I think, Sir, that I should have some time to study whether any formal amendments are necessary. Of course, the Chair has got the power to waive the Standing Order.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: An application has been made that permission should be given to pass the Bill in the third stage. The Law Member wants time to consider this Bill once again and to see if any verbal and other changes may have to be effected. It is very reasonable. Further, I do not think that this Bill requires any artificial aid in the matter of taking it up for the third stage. Therefore, the permission sought for cannot be granted.

THE TRAVANCORE HINDU LAW OF INHERITANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Hindu Law of Inheritance (Amendment) Bill as amended and passed by the Sri Chitra State Council be taken up for consideration.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I second it.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) I may say, Sir, that the proper form will be that amendments to the Travancore Hindu Law of Inheritance Amendment Bill as amended, be taken for consideration.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, I move that the amendments to the Travancore Hindu Law of Inheritance (Amendment) Bill as amended by the Sri Chitra State Council, be taken up for consideration.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I second it.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Chidambaram Pillai may move the amendments formally.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, I move that the words 'or who died intestate' added after the words 'dying intestate' in the title of the Bill be accepted.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I second it.

The question that the amendment be accepted was put and carried.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I move that the words 'or who died intestate' added after the words 'dying intestate' in the Preamble of the Bill be accepted.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I second it.

The question that the amendment be accepted was put and carried.

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MR. P CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I move that the figure '1111' substituted for the figure '1110' after the word 'Regulation' in clause 1, sub-clause (1), be accepted.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) I second it.

The question that the amendment be accepted was put and carried.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I move that the words 'son's widow', added after the word 'A' in clause 2 be accepted.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I second it.

The question that the amendment be accepted was put and carrried.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I move that the words 'son's widow' inserted after the words 'a' and "sons's" in clause 3, sub-clause (b) be accepted.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I second it.

The question that the amendment be accepted was put and carried.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I move that in clause 3, sub-clause (c), the fullstop after the end be omitted, a comma be inserted and the word 'or' be added after the comma and the following added as sub-clause (d): –

"divest any estate already vested in an heir according to the law for the time being in force."

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): I second it.

The question that the amendment be accepted was put and carried.

THE TRAVACORE SPECIAL MARRIAGE AND SUCCESSION BILL.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Special Marriage and Succession Bill be read in Assembly.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I second it.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Sir, I have at some length, in the Statement of Objects and Reasons, explained the principles of the Bill. At this stage I may briefly state the principles contained in the Bill for the acceptance of this House. Sir, as early as 1868, the great lawyer and jurist, Sir Henry Maine, addressed the Government of India on the necessity for a Civil Marriage Bill and he actually introduced a Bill in the Legislature at that time. But before the Bill could be taken up for consideration, Sir Henry Maine retired and the work was taken up by no less famous a jourist than Sir James Stephen. He collected evidence on that matter and has recorded his opinion which would be a great authority for the juristic justification of a measure of this kind. I shall just read the conclusions that he came to after elaborate investigation in this matter. This is what he said: –

"The cases which I have quoted appear to me to establish in the broadest way that on the most general principles it is just, equitable, and according to good

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